

# The CRAFFT Screening Interview

**Begin: “I’m going to ask you a few questions that I ask all my patients. Please be honest. I will keep your answers confidential.”**

## Part A

**During the PAST 12 MONTHS, did you:**

**No      Yes**

1. Drink any alcohol (more than a few sips)?

(Do not count sips of alcohol taken during family or religious events.)

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2. Smoke any marijuana or hashish?

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3. Use anything else to get high?

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(“anything else” includes illegal drugs, over the counter and prescription drugs, and things that you sniff or “huff”)

**For clinic use only: Did the patient answer “yes” to any questions in Part A?**

**No** ☐

**Yes** ☐



**Ask CAR question only, then stop**

**Ask all 6 CRAFFT questions**

## Part B

**No      Yes**

1. Have you ever ridden in a CAR driven by someone (including yourself) who was “high” or had been using alcohol or drugs?

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2. Do you ever use alcohol or drugs to RELAX, feel better about yourself, or fit in?

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3. Do you ever use alcohol or drugs while you are by yourself, or ALONE?

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4. Do you ever FORGET things you did while using alcohol or drugs?

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5. Do your FAMILY or FRIENDS ever tell you that you should cut down on your drinking or drug use?

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6. Have you ever gotten into TROUBLE while you were using alcohol or drugs?

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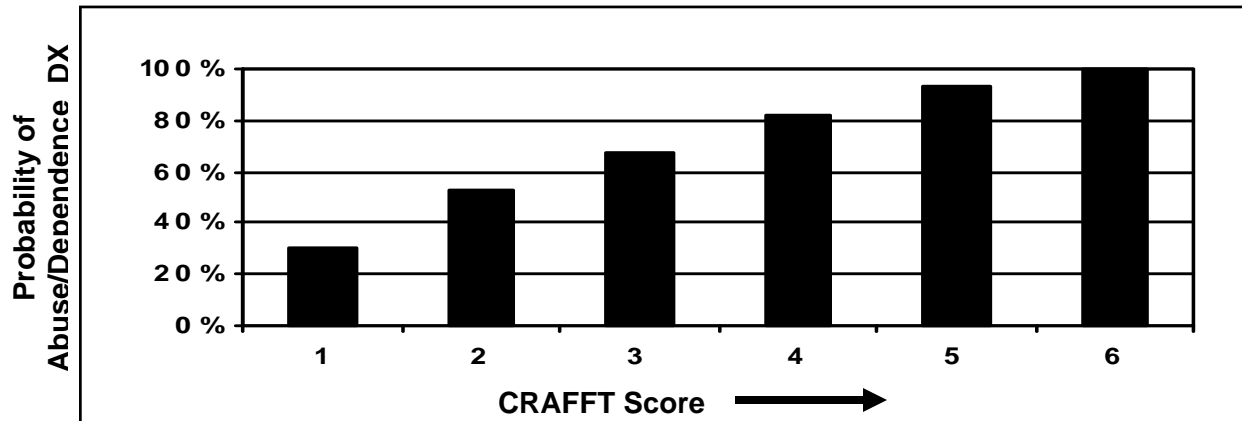
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## SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: FOR CLINIC STAFF USE ONLY

CRAFFT Scoring: Each “yes” response in **Part B** scores 1 point.  
A total score of 2 or higher is a positive screen, indicating a need for additional assessment.

### Probability of Substance Abuse/Dependence Diagnosis Based on CRAFFT Score<sup>1,2</sup>



### DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria<sup>3</sup> (Abbreviated)

#### Substance Abuse (1 or more of the following):

- Use causes failure to fulfill obligations at work, school, or home
- Recurrent use in hazardous situations (e.g. driving)
- Recurrent legal problems
- Continued use despite recurrent problems

#### Substance Dependence (3 or more of the following):

- Tolerance
- Withdrawal
- Substance taken in larger amount or over longer period of time than planned
- Unsuccessful efforts to cut down or quit
- Great deal of time spent to obtain substance or recover from effect
- Important activities given up because of substance
- Continued use despite harmful consequences

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